REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is the assignee 3PAR, Inc.

RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no related appeals or interferences.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 3 and 10 to 13 are pending, twice rejected, and appealed. Claims 4 to 9 were canceled.

STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

The Examiner issued the Final Office Action on February 26, 2008. Applicant did not file any amendments subsequent to the rejection.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Claim 1

Claim 1 recites a communication link protocol for communicating between a local node and a remote node in an interconnect system. Specification, p. 9, lines 3 to 19. The local node and the remote node are connected by communication links. Id., p. 11, lines 6 to 15. The communication link protocol includes four types of commands. Id., p. 12, lines 3 to 11.

A direct memory access write command provides an inter-node DMA transfer of a data block from the local node to the remote node via one of the communication links. Id., p. 12, lines 12 to 24.

An administrative write command provides a write from the local node to registers in the remote node using one of the communication links. Id., p. 13, line 25 to p. 14, line 8.

A memory copy write command provides, when new data is written to a line of memory at the local node, a copy of the entire line of memory from the local node is written to a corresponding line of memory at the remote node using one of the communication links. Id., p. 10, line 11 to p. 11, line 5; p. 13, lines 15 to 24; p. 28, line 4 to p. 29, line 22. The entire line of memory is sent to

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